

Mr. Rainey moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, which was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Fall, Guinn, Hart, Martin, Parsons, Pitts, Potter, Rains, Rainey, Sims Stockdale and Whaley—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Britton, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Harman, Herbert, Hyde, Paschal, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wallace—15.

Mr. Stockdale offered a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Guinn moved to commit the bill and substitute to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Britton moved to lay that motion on the table, upon which a call of the Senate was had.

The Senate being full the motion to lay on the table was carried by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Erath, Gentry, Harman, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Scarborough, Schleicher, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker, Wallace and Whaley—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Parsons, Quinan, Rains, Rainey, Shepard and Sims—13.

The question being on the adoption of the substitute.

On motion of Mr. Rainey, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, December 9th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to create the 20th Judicial District, and to define the times of holding courts therein, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Britton offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor be and is hereby requested to communicate to the Senate, at as early a moment as possible, such information as he may have received from Capt. Ford, or other officers in relation to the position of affairs at Brownsville and its vicinity, provided such information would not be prejudicial to the public interest. Adopted.

Mr. Hart, from the committee on Public Lands, made the following report :

The committee on Public Lands, have instructed me to report the following as a substitute for a bill referred to this committee, in relation to the sale and settlement of the public domain, and to recommend its passage.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rule was suspended, the report and substitute was taken up, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the clerk appointed by the joint committee on the Court of Claims "be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate's, at the rate of other officers of the Senate upon the certificate of the chairman of said committee for his services." Adopted.

Mr. Wallace introduced the following bills, which were severally read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend the 34th section of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts, passed May 13th, 1846.

A bill validating the acts of Agents, done within the scope of their authority, or within the limits of their Agency, after the death of the principal, and before notice of such death has reached said Agents.

A bill authorizing a creditor to bring suit against his debtors in the county where such debt has been contracted. when the debtor after contracting such debt, removes from said last mentioned county to some other county within the limits of this State.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of Agents, to receive the money due for the sale of the University Lands. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Paschal introduced a bill to define the homestead. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stockdale introduced a bill to incorporate Gulf Coast Fair Association, located at Victoria. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Walker introduced the following joint resolution :

Resolved, *By the Legislature of the State of Texas*, That Governor Wise of Virginia, and President Buchanan, are entitled to the lasting gratitude and respect of the friends of the Federal Constitution and Union, for their prompt and energetic action in suppressing the recent outrage at Harpers Ferry, for capturing and bringing to justice and deserved punishment, John Brown and other insurgents.

Resolved, That the State of Texas, will stand by her sister States of the South, in the maintenance of their institutions, against all Abolitionists, Insurrectionists and Traitors, and in the preservation of the rights and powers reserved to the States. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate, to provide for the special election of a Senator, in the 8th Senatorial District, composed of the county of Harrison, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Louis T. Wigfall, with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the Bill was taken up, and the amendment of the House concurred in.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The question before the Senate at its adjournment on yesterday, being the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Stockdale, for the bill for the protection of the frontier, the substitute was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Lott, Parsons, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Shepard, Stockdale and Wallace—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Paschal, Rains, Rainey, Scarborough, Schleicher, Sims, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—20.

The amendments to the ninth, tenth, and thirteenth sections of the bill were adopted. The yeas and nays were called on the adoption of the amendment to the eighth section of the bill and stood thus :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Lott, Martin, Parson, Pitts, Potter, Rains, Rainey, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale and Wallace—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Britton, Erath, Gentry, Harman, Herbert, Hyde, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—13.

Mr. Parsons offered the following amendment :

After the word "each" in second line section 1, add "provided in the opinion of the Governor, such minute men be necessary for the protection of the frontier."

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, December 9th, 1859. }

Hon. F. R. Lubbock,

President Senate:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of this date, I herewith inclose a communication of Capt. John S. Ford, and the printed pronouncement of Cortinas accompanying it, received by express on yesterday.

H. R. RUNNELS.

On motion of Mr. Britton, the communication was laid on the table. And on motion of Lott, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 10th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, re-reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of William J. Wills, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, made the following report :

The committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill relinquishing the State taxes to the county of Hill, have considered the same, and have instructed me to offer a substitute for said bill and recommend its passage.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of the committee on County and County Boundaries, made the following report :

The committee on County and County Boundaries, to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of Uvalde county, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that justice demands that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted. And have instructed me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

A bill to change and adjust the Western boundary lines of the counties of Uvalde and Dawson, and the Eastern boundary line of the county of Kinney. Read 1st time.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report :

The committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of James Rodgers, have considered it, and instructed me to report the same back, and ask that the relief be